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SHIEH *et al.*

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Hybridization with Biomaterial*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to more particularly claim Applicants' invention. Accordingly, Claims 1-20 have been cancelled and new Claims 21-\* submitted for examination. Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, including extension fees or other relief that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-70197-1/469008-00020/RMS/RMK).

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.**

**Remarks begin on page 6.**